



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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October 18, 2004

### Corn Harvest Wrapping Up

Rain activity last week resulted in 5.1 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 17, 2004. Despite the rain, **corn** for **grain** harvest increased 12 percent to 78 percent complete, 14 percent above last year and 8 percent above the five-year average. **Soybeans** were in good to excellent condition. Soybean harvest was 21 percent complete, on target with the five-year average and 10 percent above last year.

**Other hay** fourth cutting increased 6 percent from last week to 69 percent complete. **Alfalfa hay** fourth cutting increased 5 percent to 85 percent complete and fifth cutting increased 8 percent to 25 percent complete. **Apple** harvest was 82 percent complete, 8 percent above last year and slightly above the five-year average.

Planting of **barley** was 64 percent complete, 21 percent above last year and slightly below the five-year average. **Winter wheat** was 37 percent planted, well above last year and the five-year average.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	82	68	74	81
Corn for Grain	78	66	64	70
Sorghum	55	50	54	46
Soybeans	21	13	11	21
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	79	63	61	77
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	85	80	65	81
Alfalfa Hay 5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	25	17	7	34
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	72	63	78	79
Planted Progress:				
Barley	64	53	43	65
Winter Wheat	37	21	26	29

#### CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	0	7	26	44	23
Soybeans	2	2	14	52	30

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	12	82	6
Topsoil (2003)	0	5	83	11
Five Year Avg	2	17	73	9
Subsoil Moisture	2	6	86	6
Subsoil (2003)	0	1	82	17
Five Year Avg	7	23	65	6

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10/17/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	67	36	48.1	-1.9
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	72*	36*	54.5*	0.1
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	67	2	48.0	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	68	33	51.8	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	67	38	53.4	-2.6
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	67	32	51.4	-6.6
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	69*	39*	51.8*	-5.4
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	72	42	56.9	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	65	38	52.5	-3.9
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	68	38	53.4	-2.7
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	73	37	53.4	-3.2

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure from Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure from Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	26	-13	0.65	-0.05
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	0.82*	0.06
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	31*	-38	0.15*	-0.42
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	45	-	0.79	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	52	-	0.66	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	49	-22	0.70	-0.00
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	0.72	-0.04
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	47	-31	0.27	-0.57
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	27*	-43	0.08*	-0.81
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	62	-	0.10	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	44	-23	1.20	0.51
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	44	-18	1.34	0.57
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	55	-19	0.90	0.20

\*indicates incomplete weekly value  
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